



CENTRAL GULF COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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September 2023

Upcoming Speaker September 14th @ 7 pm

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Broad-Scale Excavations at Sarabay: Piecing Together the Layout of a Timucuan Town



This past summer (2023) the University of North Florida (UNF) completed its fourth consecutive field school in what we believe is the center of the Mocama community of Sarabay. In addition to more than 15,000 Indigenous sherds, UNF students have recovered Spanish olive jar and majolica plate fragments along with artifacts depicting Catholic imagery. Among the most tantalizing finds is a posthole alignment suggestive of an Indigenous building, some 60-70 feet in diameter. Archaeological, archival, and cartographic data suggest excavations have exposed an area dating to 1580-1620s. This presentation provides a very up-to-date overview of UNF excavations at Sarabay.

Keith Ashley is an associate professor of Anthropology at the University of North Florida. His current research focuses on the Indigenous peoples and histories of southeastern North America, particularly Florida. He is actively involved in archaeological excavations with UNF students throughout northeastern Florida.

FALL 2023 LECTURE SERIES



Registration details coming soon.

OCTOBER 12th @ 7 PM

CLIMATE CHANGE AND CULTURAL SITES IN FLORIDA

Rachael Kangas

Director of the West Central and Central Regions
Florida Public Archaeology Network



NOVEMBER 9th @ 7 PM

FOUR YEARS AND TWO SHIPWRECKS IN LASOYE BAY, DOMINICA

Marie Meranda

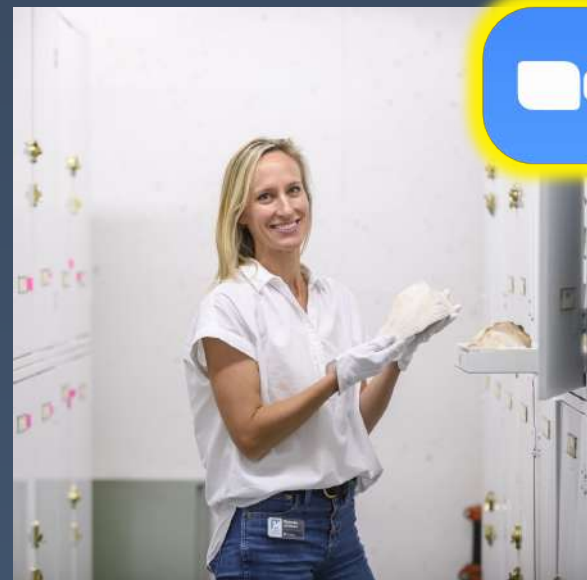
Doctoral Candidate (Anthropology)
University of South Florida



DECEMBER 14th @ 7 PM

TOPIC WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

Dr. Michelle LeFebvre
Assistant Curator
Florida Museum



A LOOK BACK AT THE 2022-2023 SEASON

As we begin our 2023-2024 season, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the fun we had this past season. In January and March, we held our first in-person lectures since Covid began. These talks, by John Arthur and Kendal Jackson at New World Brewery, were well attended, as were our Zoom lectures. We hosted several field trips, including visits to Historic Spanish Point, Koreshan State Park, Marco Island Historical Museum, and Indian Shores. We also volunteered at International Archaeology Day and Florida Archaeology Month events at Weedon Island. These included site visits, kayak tours, and more. And, as always, we hosted our annual picnic and holiday party! Thank you to everyone for joining us for any or all these events. If you couldn't attend any events this season, we hope you can join us this year! Keep an eye out for more upcoming events!



Linda Allred is well known by many of our members. She has been involved with CGCAS since the 1990s and has served nearly every position on the board. In April, a small group met at Hula Bay to say not goodbye but see you later to Linda as she starts a new adventure in Georgia. We will miss Linda a ton! Her dedication to learning, sharing, and protecting the cultural resources of Tampa Bay and beyond was admirable and led to her receiving the Lazarus Award from the Florida Anthropological Society in 2021. Our board voted unanimously to make Linda a lifetime member of CGCAS!



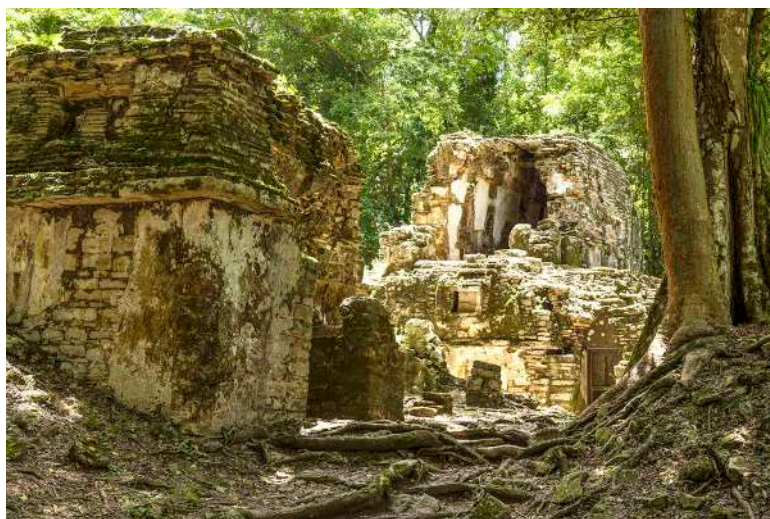
From left to right: Tony, Marcie, Loren, Frank, Linda, Jaime, Bob, and Alan

ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE NEWS



Buried History: Off the coast of Florida, archaeologists are finding ancient sites hidden beneath the waves, tucked into the state's sunken continental shelf

Ancient people lived among ruins too. What did they make of them?



Summer brings hurricane season, and each year, without avail, the legend of the Tocobaga protecting Tampa Bay residents from storms comes to light. Tom Pluckhahn, a professor at USF, recently wrote an opinion piece for the Tampa Bay Times on the topic. He poses the question:



Why would Tocobaga spirits want to protect Tampa Bay residents from hurricanes anyway?



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The Society

We are a non-profit organization consisting of members from all walks of life, who are dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. Many of our members are professional archaeologists, but we also have avocational and hobbyist members who enjoy learning the history of the peoples who preceded us here in Florida.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Florida's cultural past and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage. CGCAS conducts field trips to archaeological and historical sites, assists professional archaeologists in surveys and excavations, performs laboratory analysis, and prepares reports of its findings. A monthly newsletter keeps members up to date on the Society's activities.

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